

Village of Hermon

Dissolution Study Committee

Meeting #10 – 6/4/2015 @ 6:30 p.m. @ the Hermon Town Hall

Minutes

Attendees: Lee Carvel, Jane Doiron, Dave Doiron, Jamie Matthews, Jeff Foster, Cathy Race, Nate Young, Tim Burley, Carrie Tuttle

1. The Committee reviewed the final Alternatives/Options Assessment Report. A copy of the final report will be posted on the website, pending verification that the Village and Town Outside Village tax rates are the same. On 6/5/15, C. Tuttle verified that the Town Outside Village and Village Town tax rate for 2014 is the same and consistent with what was included in the Alternatives Report.
2. The Committee reviewed the draft Implementation Plan and provided comments. A summary follows:
 - a. Committee requested that \$5,000 be added to the Implementation Plan to cover costs of IT Integration of Village/Town systems.
 - b. Committee requested that \$20,000 be added to the Implementation Plan to cover costs of developing a Comprehensive Plan and zoning.
 - c. Committee requested that \$2,000 be added to the Implementation Plan to cover Records Management Storage to cover the cost of shelving and other storage solutions to allow the Village and Town to move into the same building.
3. The Committee had some questions for DOS regarding the dissolution process. These questions will be forwarded to the DOS:
 - a. The Committee questioned how taxes will work with respect to the timing of the Village and Town taxes. If the Village collects taxes in June of 2016 and then the Village dissolves effective 12/31/16, do Village residents receive a credit for their taxes that have been paid for the full year?
 - b. The Committee questioned the process regarding water and sewer district formation and whether the permissive referendum process is applicable for the water and sewer district process; since there would be no option if the Village dissolves but for the Town to create districts.
4. The Committee discussed the timing of the dissolution and agreed that with an effective date of 1/1/17 would be best to allow for the implementation items to be completed and for the Town to incorporate former Village expenses and revenue into their budget setting process for FY17.

5. Next Steps

- a. Compile **Existing Conditions, Options, Recommendations, Executive Summary, & Implementation Plan** (June 2015)
- b. INFORMATIONAL PUBLIC MEETING #2 – July 2015 Details TBD
- c. Finalize Report and Submit to Village and Town Boards (August 2015)
- d. Public Vote on Dissolution (September or October 2015)
 - i. C. Race reported that she has reached out to Charlie Nash to develop the dissolution referendum document. C. Tuttle reported that she had provided Mr. Nash with copies of all the documents related to the study and has not received any further correspondence from Mr. Nash regarding the referendum process. C. Race said she would follow up with Mr. Nash to ensure that the referendum can proceed this fall.

6. Next Meeting – 6/11/15 at 6:30 p.m.